1	2	3
V(A)	551	Rs. 5100/- General Pool Rs.3600/- Tenure Pool
V(B)	191	Rs.6300/- General Pool Rs.5500/- Tenure Pool
VI A, VI B, VII, VIII	290	Rs.6300/- Rs. 6700/- Rs. 7300/- Rs.8000/-
Hostels	1761	1-10-89

*For SC/ST & for Ladies Pool relevant date of applications is 1-10-89.

The dates upto which accommodation has been provided in different categories are indicated in Annexure-I.

[*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 130]

Problem Villages in Bihar

*434. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of villages in Bihar without drinking water facilities as on date; and

(b) whether any comprehensive scheme has been drawn up/is being implemented to provide drinking water to such villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA) : (a) There were 34 no source category problem villages in Bihar without drinking water facilities as on 30th June, 1990.

(b) All the residual 34 problem villages are likely to be covered with safe drinking water facilities by 31-3-91 under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme and the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme.

(a) Previously Starred Question 315, transferred from the 30th August, 1990.

Proposal to set up a Sericuture College in Assam

@ *435. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal for the setting up of a sericulture college in Assam is pending with the Central Government; and

(b) if so, by when a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Sir, it is for the State Government of Assam to take the final decision regarding setting up of the College.

Concern by National Federation of the Blind for Reservation of Backward Classes

*436. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Federation of the Blind expressed concern at the recent announcement made by the Prime Minister about 27 per cent reservation for backward classes in jobs;

(b) if so, whether Government would scrap the existing reservation of 3 per cent